Loans given under Self-employment Scheme in Pauri Garhwal, U.P.

*279. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount of loans given to the rural poor, uneducated/ educated, category-wise under Self-Employment Scheme during the last three years by the PNB and State Bank of India at Pauri,. District Pauri Garhwal, U.P;

(b) the criteria fixed by Government for granting loans;

(c) whether it is fact that a number of cases are laying pending with these banks and the applicants are facing a lot of inconvenience in getting loans; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and by when all these cases would be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) As per the information furnished by the State Bank of India (SBI) and Punjab National Bank (PNB), the details of loans provided by these banks to the Rural Poor, Uneducated/Educated at District Pauri Garhwal, U.P. category-wise under self-employment schemes during the last three years are given in the Annexure [See Appendix 189, Annexure No. 58].

(b) The criteria under various self-employment schemes for granting loans are given in Annexure [See Appendix 189, Annexure No. 58].

(c) As reported by SBI & PNB, the applicants are not facing any inconvenience/difficulties for getting loans. The position of pending loan applications in district of Pauri Garhwal under Self-Employment Schemes is as under:-

Name of the Scheme	Name of the Bank	
	SBI	PNB
PMRY	19	03
IRDP/SGSY	NIL	NIL
SJSRY	-Do-	-Do-
SLRS	-Do-	-Do-
DRI	-Do-	-Do-

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Barring Convicted persons from Contesting, Elections

*280. SHRI C.R THIRUNAVUKKARASU:
SHRI V.R DURAISAMY:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to debar politicians-convicted either by a lower Court or High Court or Supreme Court-from contesting elections to the Assembly and Parliamentary seats;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and whether his Ministry will consider this proposal to debar convicted persons from contesting elections, at the earliest; and

(c) whether Government would consider amending the rules to make it difficult for the convicted persons from contesting elections in the near future ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) to (c) Politicians, as such, have not been given any special treatment *vis-a-vis* common man so far as the issue of disqualification on conviction for offences is concerned. The Representation of the People Act, 1951, section 8 thereof, already contains provisions for disqualifying a person on conviction for certain offences. Govemment is, however, committed to further strengthen the provisions, as part of its overall agenda on reform of electoral laws, so as to check entry of corrupt and criminal elements in the electoral politics. Amendment in electoral laws is, however, a serious and contentious subject and, therefore, considerable time and attention are being given to it. It is therefore, not possible to give any time frame in this regard.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Complaint against the Employees of ATC

†1979. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.